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Contract

PRO004392-Services-Contract-Independent Technical Adviser (HARP)

United Utilities Water Limited

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

United Utilities Water Limited

Lingley Mere Business Park

Warrington

WA5 3LP

Email

ITAcurement@uuplc.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD - North West (England)

National registration number

02366678

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.unitedutilities.com>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/43984>

I.6) Main activity

Water

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

PRO004392-Services-Contract-Independent Technical Adviser (HARP)

Reference number

PRO004392

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71311300 - Infrastructure works consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

United Utilities Water Limited (UU) is delivering a scheme titled Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP) to provide long-term water supply resilience to Manchester and the Pennines. The project will utilise a Competitively Appointed Provider (CAP), which is currently being procured using Ofwat's new Direct Procurement for Customers (DPC) approach. Under the DPC approach, Ofwat requires the appointment of a Consultant to protect customers in relation to the DPC project. Ofwat requires this role

to obtain assurance around the costs and delivery of a DPC project. UU views the role of the Consultant as crucial to ensure objective, independent oversight of costs that may be passed on to customers and to provide robust scrutiny and assessment of the CAP's management of project costs and delivery. The Consultant will act as an independent party to UU, the CAP, and Ofwat, and will therefore owe a duty of care to all three parties.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 43123000 - Tunnelling machinery
- 43614000 - Parts of tunnelling machinery
- 45221247 - Tunnelling works
- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 71311000 - Civil engineering consultancy services
- 71311100 - Civil engineering support services
- 71318000 - Advisory and consultative engineering services
- 71324000 - Quantity surveying services
- 71332000 - Geotechnical engineering services
- 71350000 - Engineering-related scientific and technical services
- 71541000 - Construction project management services
- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 79132000 - Certification services
- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services
- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services

- 79623000 - Supply services of commercial or industrial workers
- 98510000 - Services of commercial and industrial workers
- 98511000 - Services of commercial workers

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The appointment of a Consultant is provided in condition U11 of UU's Statutory Licence.

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The services to be provided by the Consultant include, but are not limited to:

(a) the performance of the duties and roles assigned to the Consultant under the HARP Project

Agreement;

(b) those required (of the Consultant) by or for the purposes of UU's Statutory Licence, the DPC

Allowed Revenue Direction, the DPC Designation or Ofwat, including in terms of assurance

and reports; and

(c) associated services such as:

- (i) the assessment of the CAP's allowable construction costs, programmes and any claims for Project Compensation Events, throughout the construction (and defects) period;
- (ii) certifying the completion and readiness of each of the sections; and
- (iii) the provision of quarterly assurance reports to Ofwat and UU.

The Agreement is anticipated to be in place for 11 years however, it will be in place for the time that is necessary for the Consultant to fulfil its duties until completion of the CAP construction works and any subsequent cost reconciliation.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 60%

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 40%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Agreement is anticipated to be in place for a term of 11 years or for such longer period that is necessary for the Consultant to fulfil its duties until completion of the CAP construction works and any subsequent cost reconciliation.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Turner & Townsend Infrastructure Limited

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England & Wales

City of Westminster

London

Country

United Kingdom